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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AM ENDE ET AL.

Examiner

Nabila G. Ebrahim

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/26/2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 41-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt of amendment filed 10/26/2004 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 41-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carpino et al. US 6107306 "carpino" in view Devane et al. US 6228398 "Devane".

Carpino teaches the specific growth hormones secretagogues recited in the instant application (col. 95-96), and a method to increase IGF-1 levels in IGF-1 deficient humans or other animals, which comprises administering to a human or other animal with IGF-1 deficiency the compound recited in the invention (col. 21, lines 1-4, and claim 55).

Devane teaches a multiparticulate modified release composition wherein the composition contains a first population of immediate release particles and second population of sustained release particles (col. 4, lines 10-44). Devane teaches that any active agent can be used in this particular modified release formulation, including hormones such as growth hormone release hormones (col. 6, lines 13-36).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skills in the art to formulate a dosage form that contains immediate release

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portion and a modified release portion. One of ordinary skill would choose the proper preparation and dosage to get the desired treatment effect.

Carpino disclosed at the time of his invention that it is possible to treat IGF-1 deficiency by using the same composition of his invention, it could have been within the ability of an ordinarily skilled man in the art to use the teaching of Devane of the formulated dosage made of immediate release particles and the sustained release particles to treat IGF-1 deficiency as stated by Carpino, the expected results would be a method to increase the concentration of IGF-1 levels in plasma by a sustained release formulation or a combination of a sustained release and immediate release dosage form.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/26/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant traverses the previous rejections by arguing that, the prior art does not teach the method of increasing plasma concentration of IGF-1 while minimally affecting the plasma concentration of growth hormone as being disclosed in the instant application.

In response to the above argument, the examiner position is to confirm that a compound and its properties are not separable, the prior art clearly administers same ingredient in the same amount to same patients. It is not necessarily that the prior art recognizes each and every advantage that a compound can accrue from the use of the particular ingredient.

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Prior art administers to the same patient population therefore there's no invention in the recognition of these properties.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nabila G. Ebrahim whose telephone number is 571-272-8151. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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